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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM, US, BR

SUBJECT: SKYLINK INSTALLATIONS

REF:A) BRASILIA 6226; B) STATE A-2866

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED SUBJECT TELEGRAM AND APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSESSMENT. WE ALSO SHARE VIEW THAT THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS WITH INSTALLATION AND ACTIVATION OF SKYLINK, AND THE CONSEQUENT CANCELLATION OF LEASED CIRCUIT WASHINGTON-RIO DE JANEIRO. MOST LIKELY BRAZILIANS WILL RAISE OBJECTIONS, IN VIEW PAST HISTORY OF RADIO OPERATING RIGHTS QUESTION IN BRAZIL AND US.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH TO PROCEED WITH SKYLINK INSTALLATION, ONLY TO LEARN THAT TERMINAL WILL BE USED AS EMERGENCY BACK-UP ONLY. THEREFORE, IT APPEARS ONLY LOGICAL COURSE OF ACTION IS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR SKYLINK INSTALLATION FROM GOB.

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3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS FORMAL APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION/

OPERATION OF SKYLINK TERMINAL BE OBTAINED FROM GOB.
FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED DRAFT NOTE:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE

HONOR TO REQUEST THE MINISTRY TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION
OF A COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE STATION AT THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY, BRASILIA. THE INSTALLATION WILL BE LOCATED WITH-
IN THE PREMISES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT AVENIDA DAS
NACOES, LOTE NO. 3.

THE COMMUNICATIONS STATION WILL BE USED FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY, BRASILIA.

THE SATELLITE WHICH WOULD BE USED IS LOCATED OVER THE
ATLANTIC OCEAN IN EQUATORIAL GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT AT 13
DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE. THE FREQUENCIES ARE WITHIN THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION ASSIGNED 7000-8000
MEGAHERTZ REGIONS. THE TECHNICAL DATA FOR SATELLITE
COMMUNICATIONS ARE:

DESTINATION: WASHINGTON, D.C., VIA RELAYS AS
NECESSARY

HOURS OF OPERATION: 24 HOURS DAILY

CALL SIGN:KWB69

FREQUENCY CARRIER: 7975-8025 MHZ

7250-7300 MHZ

TYPE (CLASS):FE, POWER 500 WATTS, WORKING METHOD
300F9

TYPE OF ANTENNA: SIX FOOT PARABOLIC REFLECTOR,
GAIN 42DB

THE TERMINAL, IF APPROVED, WILL BE INSTALLED EARLY IN 1977.
THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN TESTING THE STATION ON/OR
ABOUT JUNE 1, 1977.

(NORMAL CLOSING)"

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4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES WE SHOULD RESOLVE RADIO OPERATING
RIGHTS ISSUE ONEWAY OR ANOTHER, AND NOTE SHOULD BE
DISPATCHED SOONEST UNLESS POST BELIEVES INFORMAL APPROVAL
READILY AVAILABLE FROM GOB. IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS EMBASSY MAY HAVE REGARDING
FOREGOING PROPOSAL, ESPECIALLY AS TO NEED FOR FORMAL PER-

MISSION. WHILE WE PREFER FORMAL APPROVAL, WE ARE WILLING
ACCEPT INFORMAL PERMISSION, BUT THIS MAY PRESENT PROBLEMS
FOR US AT LATER DATE IF PRINCIPALS WHO GRANTED APPROVAL
NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO AFFIRM GRANTING PERMISSION. KISSINGER

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